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Title: METHOD FOR APPLYING A SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**Box MISSING PARTS**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed

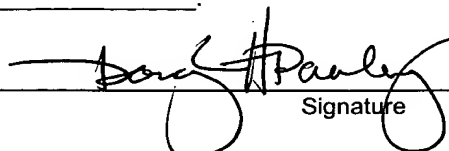
15 January 2001, we have enclosed the items listed below.

- Executed German Language Declaration (3 pages)
- Preliminary Amendment

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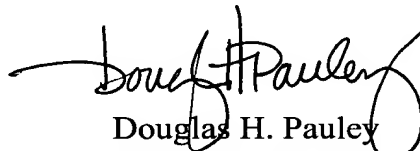

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- First Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449, one (1) page, and with copies of each and every cited reference
- A check in the amount of \$840.00 for the filing fee and surcharge for late filing of the executed oath or declaration
- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
- Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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